Last May, the C-E-F Library System celebrated its thirtieth anniversary, and I wrote an article on our early history to commemorate that occasion.* Bookmobile service was instituted in 1955, the year following the founding of the System itself. By happy coincidence, we are celebrating this thirtieth anniversary with the launching of a new bookmobile.

The two C-E-F bookmobiles serve 67 North Country communities (those too small to support their own libraries) on a biweekly basis. The new bookmobile will be our sixth vehicle; we have found that a bookmobile will sustain roughly a decade of punishing conditions.

It's difficult to write about what the bookmobiles have meant to the System because "bookmobiling" is more than just a library service. It's a unique experience and, yes, even a way of life. The spirit of it all is difficult to convey. I finally decided to draw from a talk I gave several years ago at a Northern Adirondack Library Association meeting and also from an article entitled "Parnassus on Wheels, —Modern Version," written by thirty-year bookmobile veteran Bob Harnden.

At this point, I should probably introduce the other members of our bookmobile crew. Bob's partner, Madge Mehan, has spent 22 of her 27 years at the System on the bookmobile. Our other driver, Alan Hutchins, has served 19 years. Deborah Lodge is a relative newcomer, having gone "on the road" in 1983.

I spent 11 years as the librarian on the bookmobile, and I accumulated a lot of stories, but many of my anecdotes are so related to the idiosyncrasies of the people involved that they are really "in" jokes for the bookmobile people and don't travel well. Because of some of the hardships of the road - and maybe too because we became just a little bit crazy over the years - we developed a gallows-humor which probably would have qualified us as script writers for the library equivalent of "M*A*S*H" or "Barney Miller."

There's no doubt about it; the physical conditions are often downright bad. Most of us, after a few years of traveling the long, sparsely-populated stretches of our Adirondack routes, developed

* "Breaking Trail" - Vol. II, No. 3. May/June 1984
a condition known as "bookmobile - bladder" — I don't think this needs further elaboration. Food on the road can be another hazard. As Al Hutchins and I would pull up to a little monument to ptomaine, which we frequented for lunch in those days, he would announce, "time to grease-up again." He was referring to us, not the vehicle. I had many bouts with indigestion, queasiness and near food-poisoning, but Al-of-the-cast-iron stomach seemed impervious to it all. Maybe this was because he was harder than I or perhaps it was because he always stabbed his food with a fork several times before he ate it.

When the System's regular drivers have to take time off, we rely on temporary substitutes; I've worked with some doozies. One thought he was playing it safe by only driving on the shoulders of the road. Another couldn't shift and let us roll quite some distance backward down a steep hill until I finally managed to scream, "Step on the brakes!" Actually, I said quite a bit more than that, but, what the heck, a few brushes with death tend to make one appreciate life more.

Bob can recall many such hairy experiences, of course, such as the time he had to back down an icy hill (because it was too slippery to go any further up) with John Crager (who was the well-liked and conscientious head of the bookmobile department for eighteen years) walking behind the bookmobile with a flashlight to guide him.

Bob also remembers arriving at the end of many treacherous trips to find patrons waiting with hot coffee and goodies, saying "We're so glad you made it."

Here we get to the great, intangible value of the bookmobile—the family atmosphere in which the bookmobile crews were on a first name basis with the regular patrons. Some of us helped kids find books, then, years later, saw them come to us with children of their own.

There are no QUIET signs on the bookmobile and the rules are pretty relaxed. Bob remembers not only holding babies while their mothers selected books, "but also puppies and once even a squirming guinea pig." I remember many animal visitors myself—a legion of cats and dogs, and also baby raccoons and woodchucks brought in by the kids for us to admire. One girl would ride up on her horse and tie it to the bookmobile door.

The bookmobiles provide all kinds of reference information. Bob remembers National Merit Scholarship winners with pride, but we also dealt with questions on home improvement, wine-making, genealogy — and about everything else one could imagine. We once had a budding teenage genius who kept us in a constant state of anticipation as he turned in requests on a variety of subjects, ranging from specific aspects of quantum physics to a demand for the proof of the existence of God — with proper documentation.

There is definitely a social by-product of bookmobile service; patrons can look over the books, visit with friends, catch up on the latest gossip and discuss the current political issues, all at the same time.

Our patrons gave us hand-picked flowers, home-baked cookies and a sense that we were doing something worthwhile.

Most of us who are old-timers at the System served our apprenticeship on the bookmobile and this was a tremendous learning experience. There were no card catalogs or other sources of help out there; we either knew our stuff or we were sunk. We learned the reading preferences of the public and acquired skill in finding books to suit individual tastes. Most of all, we've had the opportunity to know and like the people we served. They will never be figures and statistics to us.

Bob really sums everything up best. A nine-year-old boy came up to him once and said, "Mister, is it fun to drive this bookmobile?" and "You get paid for doing it too?"

Mary Shaw Hopkins
Editor
THE C-E-F BOOKMOBILE

(to the tune of "In My Merry Oldsmobile")

In our bright red bookmobile
Through the mountains we will wheel.
We will bring you books to read
And information you may need.
We are always on the go
Through the heat and cold and snow
In your Clinton, Essex and Franklin
Library System Bookmobile.

We have lots of books for you,
Magazines and patterns, too!
Books for folks of every size
And for those with tired eyes.
To fulfill your needs out there
Rest assured we really care
In the Clinton, Essex and Franklin
Library System Bookmobile.

At each stop we thrill to see
People waiting patiently,
So we try our very best
To fill every last request.
Each week throughout the year
You can come from far and near
To the Clinton, Essex and Franklin
Library System Bookmobile.

Stanley A. Ransom
FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

The C-E-F Library System's new bookmobile arrived in April and is now touring the counties to be shown to the legislators and to the public before it starts work on May 28th.

We wish to thank the legislators and supervisors of Clinton, Essex and Franklin Counties for their reimbursement over a three year period of the $103,900 to cover the cost of the bookmobile. We appreciate this kind of support which enables us to continue the services needed by our rural residents.

After examining several possibilities, we have determined that the continuation of bookmobile service from the 28 foot bookmobile is still the best way to provide service. Since the bookmobiles must go out for hundreds of miles and stay overnight in the more distant towns, we must have a heavy duty bookmobile capable of carrying at least 3000 books.

We thank Don Daye, Regional Sales Manager of the Gerstenslager Company of Wooster, Ohio, for providing us with as fine and as durable a bookmobile as can be built.

We are also pleased that the 1973 bookmobile will be used by the Town of St. Armands as a Public Reading Center. We thank Supervisor Joyce Morency and the Town Board for their foresightedness in planning for this addition of library services to Bloomingdale and the Town of St. Armands.

Stanley A. Ransom
Director

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PULISDO CONFERENCE

The Finger Lakes Library System was host to 160 librarians in Ithaca, N.Y., on April 25-26th, at the third annual Conference of the Public Library System Directors Organization (PULISDO), chaired by Mitch Freedman. Attending from the C-E-F area was Keela Rogers, Leona Salzman, Elizabeth Rogers, Richard Ward and Stanley Ransom. The group attended meetings of the PULISDO members, Central Library directors, reference and interlibrary loan activities and outreach services. Leona Salzman participated in the Outreach program and was subsequently nominated Secretary to the newly formed N.Y.S. Outreach Coordinator's Council.

Other meetings discussed regional automation, Correctional Facilities services and library construction grants.

A tour of the Finger Lakes Library System was given by Director Richard Panz and his staff, who are to be congratulated on an excellent conference.

Next year on May 1-2, the PULISDO Conference will be in Lake Placid, hosted by the C-E-F Library System.

Stanley A. Ransom
Director

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JOHN BRISBIN JOINS C-E-F STAFF

Mr. John Brisbin joins the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library staff as Outreach Librarian as of May 20th.

Mr. Brisbin, a native of Schenectady, N.Y., studied both library science and public communications at Syracuse University. He's had strong professional experience at Chicago Public Library and Oswego Public Library in juvenile and adult services respectively. Mr. Brisbin worked with Spanish patrons while at Chicago Public Library and will endeavor to help Spanish speakers in the C-E-F System, especially within the correctional facilities where sizable Spanish populations exists.

Mr. Brisbin studied under Professor Antje Lemke at Syracuse University's School of Information Studies and credits her as "the single greatest influence" in his professional life: "Mrs. Lemke taught us not only to love libraries and learning, but to love and uplift humanity in the process."

To Spanish-speaking patrons in the C-E-F System, Mr. Brisbin would like to say the following—

Me da mucho placer poderme introducir con Uds. Soy Juan Brisbin, el Asistente Director de "Outreach" para The Clinton-Essex-Franklin Tri-County Public Library System. Estaré en cargo de ayudar a la comunidad hispana. Muy pronto recibirán un cuestionario para que Uds. nos indiquen de que manera podemos ayudarles. Favor de especificar que clase de películas, revistas cassetes, libros, paquines y periodicos prefieren.

PETER PAULSON RETIRES AS DIRECTOR OF THE STATE LIBRARY

Peter Paulson retired recently as Director of the New York State Library. He is leaving State service to become Executive Director of the Forest Press in Albany.

Mr. Paulson began work at the New York State Library in 1952 and has been Director for the past thirteen years. He is a leader in state and national library affairs. He has been the President of the New York Library Association in 1975; chair of the American Library Association (ALA) Committee on Legislation, the State Library Agency Section of ALA, and the Advisory Council to the Public Printer on Depository Libraries. He is, or recently has been, serving on the Board of Directors of the Northeast Document Conservation Center, the Users Council of the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC), the Decimal Classification Editorial Policy Committee, and the Library of Congress Optical Disc Advisory Committee.

We would like to offer Mr. Paulson our best wishes for the future.
MEMBER LIBRARY PROFILE X: THE WESTPORT LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Editor's Note: I am much indebted to Lucile Carpenter, Librarian of the Westport Library, who compiled a written history of the library for my use in writing this article. I have also drawn upon Lucile's delightful reminiscences of bygone days in Westport. This is essentially her article.

I am also grateful to Marilyn Trienens, Assistant Librarian at Westport; for her help and hospitality when Carol Bedore and I made our visit to Westport. We are fortunate to have Marilyn as an in-house resource; she has also been a part-time Reference Librarian at System Headquarters since last October.

There are towns which somehow maintain an aura of an earlier time, while being completely up-to-date in many other ways. Westport is such a place.

This agricultural community and lake port became a fashionable summer resort in the latter half of the nineteenth century. Grand hotels sprang up which catered to the rich and famous who wished to pass a leisurely season along the shores of Lake Champlain. Many of the wealthy maintained summer residences in the area. Walter Damrosch, the famous composer and orchestra conductor, and Robert Sherwood, the Pulitzer Prize winning playwright, were among those who vacationed in the Westport area.

If one is imaginative, it is not difficult even today to conjure up band concerts in the park and Gibson Girls carrying tennis rackets. Westport has the proper ambiance.

The library is a product of that era.

Plans for the establishment of a library were formulated in the winter of 1884-1885, when Miss D. May Howard, a teacher in a school south of the village, presented the idea to the faculty of the high school.

The village young people also became enthusiastic and held entertainments in the local Armory (which had been fitted with a stage and seats). They raised $50 within a few months with which books were purchased. Many townspeople also donated books.

Others interested in having a library held even more entertainments and sociables in their homes and membership tickets were sold. The Westport circulating library opened in April 1885 with 84 volumes.

Mr. Amos Prescott had offered the use of a wing of his home as a library and his daughter, Louisa, acted as librarian for three years. By the beginning of the library's second year of operation, there were 237 volumes and the library possessed a catalog in the form of a small bound book.

In 1887 Miss Alice Lee, who owned the prestigious Westport Inn, became active in the library. She raised $1,100 in subscriptions, gifts of cash and donated labor from the people of the village and another $1,400 from friends outside the village. It should also be noted that Alice Lee was a connection of the Lees of Boston, a family which produced President Theodore Roosevelt's first wife.

The Westport Library Association was incorporated under general law on November 30, 1887, then by the New York State Board of Regents in 1893. Miss Lee was President of the first Board of Trustees.

On November 30, 1887, Freeborn and Anne Page deeded the land now occupied by the library to the Westport Library Association for the sum of $900.
THE WESTPORT LIBRARY.

THE LIBRARY'S MAIN READING ROOM.

A VIEW OF SOUTH MAIN STREET AND LAKE CHAMPLAIN, FROM THE CLOCK TOWER WINDOW.

THE LIBRARY'S COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM.
The land included the site of Person's Hotel which had burned. The deed states that a building was to be erected for the use of a library and that the remainder of the land was to be maintained by the Library Association as a park for the use of the people of Westport. If these provisions were not carried out, the land was to revert to the Page family.

The library was designed by the architectural firm of Andrews and Jaques of Boston and constructed by David A. Clark. On July 26, 1888, the building was dedicated.

In 1907 and 1908, through the efforts of Miss Lee and others, funds were raised for an addition which would provide an entertainment hall and rooms for the town of Westport offices. For years the town and village elections were held at the library. Brigadier General John Tyler Cutting, who had been born in Westport, was persuaded by Miss Lee to help finance the new addition. General Cutting, a Civil War veteran, had moved to California (where he was an Oldsmobile dealer and was involved in that state's politics), but he contributed about $5,000 and requested that the hall be known as the John Tyler Cutting Memorial Hall. The dedication of the hall took place in 1908. That same year, Mrs. Robert C. Black had the clock tower erected and the clock installed.

The Cutting Hall was Westport's social center for many years. A variety of events were held there - the Firemen's Annual Supper and Dance, The Masonic Easter Ball, Church fairs, talent shows, the Camp Dudley (a boys' camp) Annual Summer Show and a variety of school activities—basketball, senior plays, school dances and commencement ceremonies.

There was also a grand Summer Ball to benefit the library. This event was attended almost exclusively by the summer residents and the prominent citizens of Westport. Lucile remembers watching them as a young girl - how glamorous they seemed strolling along the verandah in full evening dress.

In 1920, another addition was built - in which moving-pictures were shown regularly. Lucile recalls, in the days of the silents, that a local lady played the piano to accompany the films. This was great entertainment for the people of Westport. In those days, many residents of the Adirondacks had to travel miles to a motion picture theater, so this was a big treat indeed.

Times change, of course. By 1960, the hall was no longer in much use. The Grange Hall had been built and the Baptist Church also acquired a hall for suppers and fairs.

The school district had become centralized and the Westport Central School had facilities for school activities.

The trustees decided to reduce the size of the library building and took off some of the additions. The result left a lovely long room furnished as a reading and meeting room. From these windows, one has a fine view of the spacious lawn (where Teddy Roosevelt once gave a rousing speech), the lilacs and evergreens, and beyond — Main Street, then Lake Champlain and the mountains. The remaining space was made into a Board meeting room and children's reading room. There is a food co-op now in the basement - another sign of our times.

Then, of course, there is the main room one first sees on entering the library—lovely old wood, a lofty ceiling, tall windows allowing the sunlight to spill in on nice days. There is a fireplace (a plaque affixed to it honors Alice Lee) which is still used in the winter. It is a place in which one feels comfortable.

There is a movement underway in Westport to have the library and a nearby portion of Main Street declared historic landmarks.

While it is now necessary to increase shelving space and make the library building more energy-efficient, the Westport Library Association is planning renovations very carefully, so that the integrity of the original architecture, which gives the library its gracious old-fashioned charm, will be left intact.

Mary S. Hopkins
OLD TIME FOLK CRAFT FAIR AT PAINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

We hope many from the North Country, will join us for our CELEBRATION OF THINGS DONE WELL BY HAND. This will be the Third Annual Old Time Folkcraft Fair to be held on the lawn of Paine Memorial Library in Willsboro. Saturday, July 27th, is the day. Visitors are welcome to join us between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. and there is no admission charge.

Over forty craft people will be on hand to demonstrate, exhibit, and sell their craft items. This year, we are pleased to have some of our favorites return and many new craft people join us for the first time. A nice variety of crafts will be available, basketmaking, quilting, spinning, weaving, crocheting, knitting, Norwegian Rosemaling, baked goods, fungus art, needlepoint, wooden and stuffed toys, Cabbage Patch creations, cross stitching, dried arrangements, cedar outdoor furniture, bandboxes, watercolors, picture frames, woodworking, shellcraft, homemade soap, splint baskets, jewelry, T-shirts, appliquéd work, rocking horses, sweaters, and pottery, along with some other crafts.

This is a festive event and one that has been greatly enjoyed in the past. So we are hopeful that many visitors will join us to honor craft people in the '85 fair. This is a wonderful time to pick up those special gifts for a friend or family member, even do some early Christmas shopping. Many of the craft people will take orders for items to be picked up or delivered at a later time.

Our fair is a rain or shine event, as we will use the Willsboro Central School gym in case of rain. We do use both the school and library lawn to give our craft people some room to spread out.

So mark your calendar and plan to join us for the big day July 27th!

Janice Allen
Librarian

HEADQUARTERS HIGHLIGHTS

LEE SALZMAN REPORTS:

"Speak Up for Your Library" and "The Printed Word," the first two in a three part series of public relations workshops co-sponsored by C-E-F and North Country Library System, have proved to be huge successes! We owe much of this to our roster of excellent speakers—Alice Norton, public relations consultant; Allen Hannaford, certified toastmaster; Nora Hooper, graphic designer; and Mary Allen, editor-in-chief of Denton Publications. Topics covered included organizing a speaking program, speech craftsmanship, planning layouts, designing bookmarks, and submitting news articles. Comments from participants such as "program well organized," "exceeded my expectations," and "much practical advice" have assured us that the LSCT Title I funds provided to our system to conduct these workshops in being well spent.

For any of you who missed these programs, or for those who would like a refresher, we do have ½" VHS videocassettes of the workshops available for loan and/or copying.

Please mark your calendar now for a trip to Lake Placid to attend our third workshop on August 21st entitled "Signs, Posters and Displays".

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Making more effective use of films through programming was the theme of our April 22nd workshop, "Focus On Films." Participants had the opportunity to view some of the newer additions to our System's film collections such as Cannonball, Quilts in Women's Lives and Deaf Like Me. Each film was followed by a discussion period in which ideas were shared on how to expand the showing of a film into a complete program package with community participation.

The audience was particularly interested when some of our other audiovisual materials were noted, especially the Bi-Folkal Kits. These are multimedia, multisensory kits geared primarily to older adults. Titles include Remembering Farm Days and Remembering Birthdays.

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We all think of play as being synonymous with children, but what about the disabled child who due to a physical or other type of impairment can not participate in "normal" activities? In hopes of helping disabled children in our local area to have this opportunity, C-E-F will be establishing a toy lending library during 1985. The toys will be housed in the Children's Room at Plattsburgh Public Library, and will be available for loan throughout our three counties. They will include such items as rubberized puzzles, soft sculptured toys, "special friends" (e.g., elephant with two hearing aids), and specially adapted toys. We hope to start this program within the next two months, and will be sending out special notices at that point. Please don't hesitate to contact the System Outreach Department now for more information.

Lee Salzman
Assistant Director/
Head of Outreach

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REFERENCE/INTER-LIBRARY LOAN NEWS

Another New Face

We are fortunate to have a new employee start working with the system as a member of the Central Library staff. Sharon Habich began on April 15 (an easy date to remember) as Reference Librarian at Plattsburgh Public. This position is funded by Central Library Aid, and was formerly held by Tim Hartnett.

Sharon spends 50% of her time working with the Reference/Inter-Library Loan Department at C-E-F, so she has been getting acquainted with the system and with member library and bookmobile routines. She's got lots of enthusiasm and a great interest in library service.

A graduate of the University of Vermont (with a degree in Agriculture General Studies), Sharon has a masters degree from SUNY/Albany.

Sharon has a lot to offer C-E-F, and I have high hopes for our future in the department. We have a lot of projects planned, and having someone as capable and pleasant as Sharon working on them is going to mean greater improvements in service. I'm happy to welcome her to C-E-F.

MORE CHANGES IN REFERENCE/ILL

As part of C-E-F's commitment to automation, the Reference Department is participating in two exciting projects. Thanks to programs and services provided by the State Library and by the New York State Inter-Library Loan network (NYSILL), we are updating our inter-library loan operations.

Our success at inter-library loan depends on our ability to request and borrow from other libraries those materials we are not able to furnish from our own collections. To send these requests, we use a telecommunications system which links us with our 3R's Council in Canton, and to NYSILL.
We have used a teletype machine for this for a number of years, but there are more efficient means of communication available now, and NYSILL is replacing all teletype machines with microcomputers. On June 3 we start transmitting our ILL requests using a Tandy 2000 microcomputer. NYSILL is supplying us with the equipment and software we need.

The overall effect of this change will be faster, more efficient transmission of requests at a cheaper rate. As an additional benefit, we are gaining a microcomputer that we will be able to use for a number of different things. Since the Tandy must be used for ILL transmission only part of the time, we can take advantage of other software available, and be creative in our uses of the equipment.

Part of the NYSILL software package includes statistical record-keeping, not only for those requests filled from within the state, but from other sources as well. Once we figure out how to use it, this will be a big time-saver.

Another part of the changeover is our subscription to a new telecommunications network. Using funding from an LSCA grant the New York State Library has established NYLINE, an online library news network. NYLINE went online on May 1, and includes electronic mail capabilities, bulletin boards and a newsletter.

NYLINE is a subset of ALANET, the American Library Association’s electronic information service, and links us with more than 600 libraries and library businesses nationwide. It is similar to EASYLINK, the Western Union electronic mail system we have been using for several months, but is wider in scope and cost-free for us.

NYLINE can be used for a number of things, including communication between sites (as a replacement for traditional "paper copy" communiques), acquisitions, public relations and data base searching.

We will be using the Tandy for our NYLINE activities. Since NYLINE’s inception, we have received a number of messages from other libraries, so I think libraries in the state will be taking advantage of this service with enthusiasm— I know we will!

Elizabeth S. Rogers
Head of Reference and Interlibrary Loan

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FILM DEPARTMENT NEWS

Since the film catalogue is such a big, expensive project, we have decided to wait a little longer and include the titles we have ordered with our 1985 funds. We expect the films in soon then our film catalogue will be completely up-to-date!

Marie Chauvin
Head, Film Department

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CONSULTANT VISIT

On April 16, Stanley Ransom, Elizabeth Rogers, Carol Bedore and Mary Hopkins visited the new reading center in Ft. Covington to assist staff members, Elsie Chapman and Bea Tuper (as well as several volunteers), in cataloging the book collection there.

Inmates from the correctional facility at Gabriels have been busy renovating the former church on Chateaugay Street which houses the reading center - museum and the Town Hall.

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C-E-F CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE

The Saranac Lake Free Library has two items for sale:

A library Bureau magazine rack. Fruitwood finish. 54" high x 48" wide x 24" deep. Price -- $200.

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A black metal book bank. 46" high x 23" wide x 20" deep. Price -- $100.

For further information call Library Director Joyce Meagher. Phone: (518) 891-4190

The Champlain Memorial Library has a set of the 1970 edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica, in good condition, for sale. There are 24 volumes, including an index, atlas and bibliography. Also included are the 1971 and 1972 yearbooks. Price -- $25.

For further information call Librarian Ruth Smith. Phone: (518) 298-8620

REMEMBER

THE DEADLINE FOR THE TRAILBLAZER NEWS FOR THE JULY/AUGUST ISSUE IS MONDAY, JULY 8, 1985

STILL MORE NEW FACES

If you come into our library and see a new face in the packing room, it's Cindy Duval who has been hired to help with the Gaylord Circulation Control System Project. Cindy is an avid reader and her hobbies include raising animals.

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If, upon calling C-E-F, you hear a sultry, continental voice answering the telephone it's Claudine Kendig, our new Senior Account Clerk who works in the front office. Claudine is originally from the Lorraine region of northeastern France. She came to the United States in 1962. Claudine also loves to read, but, she enjoys fishing and swimming, as well.
MEMOS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES

AKWESASNE LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTER

The Akwesasne Library wishes to thank the following for their generous donation to the library. Alex Garrow, Cornwall Island; Katie Jock, Jock Road, Bombay; Mary Martin, White Deer Trading Post, Cold Springs, NY; Nancy and Gerald Rabideau of Brasher Falls and thanks also to Allen Jones for his donation to the Kariwenhawi Newsletter.

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The Akwesasne Museum is sponsoring a historical essay contest for all Mohawks of Akwesasne who are in grades 7-12.

The topic chosen should be concerning some aspect of Iroquois culture or history from the founding of the Six Nations Confederacy to about 1800 A.D. The topic may be an event or center around a specific person.

The winner will be judged by a panel of three people from the Akwesasne Museum, Akwesasne Library and Board of Directors of the Cultural Center. All submissions will remain the property of the Akwesasne Museum. The museum will choose four winners with a prize of $25.00 each. The winning essays will be printed in Indian Times and be used as a pamphlet within the Akwesasne Museum.

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The Akwesasne Library held a drawing on April 19, 1985, for those who visited the Library during National Library Week. The winners are: Children's category, $10 book gift certificate, Michael Conners, State Road; Teen category, desk-top reference set, Jean Cree, St. Regis Road; Adult category, $10 book gift certificate, Alex Garrow, Cornwall Island. The library staff thanks everyone who visited them and participated in the drawing.

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A new publication detailing some of the secrets of finding (and keeping) a job has been released by the National Council for Indian Business. The book entitled While We're at it Let's Find You a Job, is the first of its kind, and while it is targeted specifically at the American Indian and Alaska Native, it has a practical application for anyone seeking a job.

Authored by Gregory W. Frazier (Crow) and Jon Guthrie, the book combines 35 years of job placement experience with a writing style that is easy to read and sensitive to the unemployed. According to one of the authors, Mr. Guthrie: "We had fun trying to make this book both useful and enjoyable, and I think we accomplished this well. The hints found in the book make it a must reading for the employment counselor, teacher, unemployed and even those who are presently employed. One purchaser has been seeing that each client gets one when they first sign up for their job placement service."

The book is available for a purchase price of $9.95 from the National Council for Indian Business, Box 10134, University Park Station, Denver, Colorado, 80210-0134. It is 55 pages long and can be delivered in quantities or by single order.

The Akwesasne Library has two copies on order.

AuSABLE FORKS FREE LIBRARY

The library's building fund is already over two-thirds of the way toward its $18,000 goal. To date the library has received $6,648.

The AuSable Forks Free Library thanks all those who have contributed to the building fund drive, now underway.

Work on the addition began on April 19. Already the foundation has been poured, some shelving is up and the roof is nearly completed.

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The library has received several "In Memoriam" books in recent months, plus donations to the "In Memoriam Foundation Fund." Records of these "In Memoriams" are forever kept in two leather bound volumes at the library.

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The library is acquiring old pictures of Ausable Forks, which will be on display in our new room. Recently Mr. Frank Furloir donated a picture of Ausable Forks when the post office was in a private home on East Ausable Street. The post office sign hangs in plain view from the front porch, while a horse and buggy are at one side.

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DANNEMORA FREE LIBRARY

A picture of Mrs. Doris Haley is featured on the 1985 Dannemora Community Calendar. This is in recognition of Mrs. Haley's forty years of dedicated service as Librarian of Dannemora Free Library.

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WEAD LIBRARY, MALONE

Director Dave Minnick reports: How does one find a picture of the North wind? One could, supposedly, imagine the weather for February and March, and draw from that, but if a librarian is asked to locate a picture, the question becomes a bit more complex. Since the patron was looking for a type of picture with which this librarian was familiar, it took locating only one book, EAST OF THE SUN AND WEST OF THE MOON, and there was the picture of the North wind. Finding pictures can be done, but it has its haystacks to go with its needles. The classic request, in terms of pictures, has to be the trio that were looking for the color photograph of the four horsemen of the Apocalypse. They didn't want a photo of Notre Dame's famed football players, either.

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To illustrate that the Louisa Merritt memorial book fund is alive and functioning, there have been a number of books on display.

The funds for the volumes have been donated in memory of specific individuals. For instance, there's a volume entitled GREAT CAMPS OF THE ADIRONDACKS, by Harvey Kaiser. The book's been added in memory of Stephen House. Funds for the book were donated by a group of individuals led by Kitty Lee Murtagh. There's a book in memory of Andrew Ohlman, given by Don and Alice Elstein. There are a few others, as well.

SARANAC LAKE FREE LIBRARY

The Board and Staff of the Saranac Lake Free Library held a Candlelit Supper on May 18th to thank the many volunteers and people in the community who are especially interested in the library.

Following the dinner, Adirondack folksinger and composer Bill Hall, from Newcomb, presented songs from the Adirondacks.

A contemporary guitarist and composer of many styles of music, Bill was born near the headwaters of the Hudson River and has become known as an Adirondack Tradition Bearer. Accompanying himself on the six-string guitar, Bill sings about "his" mountains.

He is a great-grandson of Harrison Hall, the Adirondack Guide who brought news of McKinley's assassination to Theodore Roosevelt. One of Bill's best known original ballets, "Teddy," tells about this midnight ride.

Other compositions include "The Great Guns of Fort Ti," "Noah John," and "Ballet of John Brown." These are not only enjoyable pieces, but are also historically correct. "White Water Fever" has become the official theme song of North Creek's well known White Water Derby.

Bill Hall has performed in colleges and school classrooms, libraries, and at festivals and points of historical interest, and has been featured in the Adirondack Journal.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS IN THE 1985
MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN
"YOUR LIBRARY: HEART OF THE COMMUNITY"

"The Native Americans"
Fifteenth Annual Children's Art Exhibit
Coordinated by Mrs. Virginia Jakobe
Saturday, May 11 - Saturday, June 8

"France and the Adirondacks in Watercolor"
Lois Russell
Monday, June 10 - Saturday, July 6

"Impressions of Nature" Painting exhibit
Jean Leopold
Monday, July 8 - Saturday, July 27

"Come To The Fair"
Friends of the Library Sale
Tuesday, August 6

An exhibit relating to the publication of
Cure Cottages of Saranac Lake:
Architecture and History of a Pioneer
Health Resort (date to be announced)
Coordinated by Barbara Parness

"How a Book Comes Together"
Adirondack Color Photography Program
Nathan Farb
Thursday, June 27 7:30 p.m.

Saranac Lake Free Library Annual Meeting
Wednesday, July 17 8:00 p.m.

Children's Story Hour Program
Every Thursday Morning 10:30 a.m.

GOFF-NELSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY
TUPPER LAKE

More of the art work of Sudjai Bentley
of Mount Arab Lake was on display at the
Goff-Nelson Memorial Library during March
and April.

The exhibit includes paintings, miniatures,
and needlework featuring mythological
creatures, all bearing the distinctive oriental
touch which characterizes her work. The
needlework design patterns are used in
the decoration of Buddhist temples and
many other buildings. They are also used
on art objects and even common artifacts
of daily life, including clothing.

PAINE MEMORIAL LIBRARY
WILLSBORO

Librarian Janice Allen reports: Several
memorial books have been added to our
collection this past year. Books given
in memory of a loved one, bring much
reading pleasure to many other readers.
All memorial books have a special book
plate placed on the front page. We hope
that you will take notice of the books
you borrow to note when they have been
given as a special gift. If anyone is
interested in such a memorial, our staff
will gladly assist you in the procedure.

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The special exhibits for the month of March included a Teddy Bear collection
of Helen Rosenkranz. She had some
31 of her collection in our special display
case downstairs. That month all of our
storytime sessions centered on the theme
of teddy bears. This collection was
displayed until April 6.

The Charles French family loaned
us a special exhibit showing us the modern
method of collecting sap. The exhibit
showed the new method of collecting,
by tapping the trees and inserting plastic
tubes into the trees. This allows the
sap to run into a main trunk line, and
then into a large holding tank, where
it is collected--Some improvement over
the old bucket method! There were
also some photographs included in the
exhibit, which show the French family
in the process of making the syrup. The
exhibit was here through April.

The exhibit for the month of May
is a collection of three dozen salt and
pepper shakers. This collection was
loaned by Mrs. Irene Kneeland of Willsboro.
She has been saving for some time and
has quite a variety of shakers.

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Our sincere thanks to all you faithful
Campbell label savers. You helped us
to once again reach our year's goal of
10,000 labels. These have been sent
in for merchandise items to be used
here at the library.
Please keep up the good work, and continue to save them for us, as we are now starting on our 1986 goal of collecting 31,750 labels. We would like to get a portable sound speaker's rostrum. For us to accomplish this goal, we will need three times as many savers. Hope you can help, donations can be dropped off at the library anytime.

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John Vinton, the well-known Adirondack Storyteller, was the special guest at the Paine Memorial Library on April 3.

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The Friends of the Paine Memorial Library held their Annual Meeting and Open House on May 6.

Annually, the Friends group holds one large meeting to review their year's work, and elect the officers for the coming year. This meeting is open to the general public as well as the membership.

In addition to the meeting, there was an Open House of the entire library. Several special exhibits were prepared for viewing. Our new rare book section, recently completed, was featured and officially in operation. Our rare book collection has been growing at such a rate that we have outgrown our original space. Thus, our Board of Directors voted to install some new book cases in the balcony of the library. These were custom made for us by John Anderson, a local contractor. They are a beautiful addition to our library.

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The new service of books on tape was started by the family of Mr. and Mrs. Festus Smith, a little over a year ago. The service consists of several books on tape, regular cassette size, and a cassette player. These are loaned to interested patrons for one and two week time periods.

To help expand the service, the Friends of the Library, recently purchased 10 new titles and a display stand to house the tapes for better visibility. The collection now consists of 16 book titles and several old radio shows. This has been well received and tapes are seldom in the library, because of popular use.

Anyone interested in adding new titles to this collection as a memorial to a loved one or as a private gift; we welcome your interest and will provide assistance.

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Once again this summer we will be offering some special classes to be taught at the library. Classes on yoga and chess will be conducted by two of our summer residents.

Ms. Gwen Nagel will conduct a series of 8 yoga classes. This group will meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 10 and 11:30, here in the basement of the library.

There will be a fee of $20 for the eight classes or $3 a session. The class size will be limited, so if you are interested contact us soon. Have your name put on the list, so you will be assured of a space in the class. These sessions will be during the month of July.

Ms. Nagel is a certified yoga instructor who received her training at the Kripalu Yoga Institute in Pennsylvania. She has been teaching yoga classes for the Yonkers Bureau of Parks, Recreation & Conservation for the past seven years. She is a summer resident and a rare treat for us in the North Country.
The other class will be on learning to play chess. This is for any interested age group. Mr. Hudson Hagglund will be the instructor. He will hold a series of 4 sessions, July 9 & 11, and August 6 & 8. The classes will be two hours in length, and can be held afternoon or evening depending on the desire of the class members. A fee will be charged for the classes, all four for $10 or $3 a session.

Mr. Hagglund, is a professional at the game, and has been an avid player for some fifty years. He has conducted similar classes in a public library on Long Island. He is very knowledgeable about the game and desires to assist others in learning or perfecting their game of chess.

As both of these classes will be limited in size, and we need to be able to judge if there is enough interest, your response is desired as soon as possible. Call or stop in for more details.

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UPCOMING C-E-F EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Annual Meeting of the C-E-F Library System will be held at the Hotel Saranac in Saranac Lake, New York on August 5, 1985. Sandra Love, well-known author of children's books, will be the guest speaker.

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Gwendolyn Brooks, the American poet and novelist, who won the Pulitzer Prize for poetry in 1950, has consented to be the special speaker at the Black Poetry Day Celebration on October 17, 1985. There will be additional information about Black Poetry Day in future issues of the Trailblazer.

Stanley A. Ransom, Director
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